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Remarks

Claims 1, 2, 9, 15, 17 and 18 are amended.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-11 and 15-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Paff (US 6,665,004).

The present invention as recited in amended claims 1, 17, and 18 is featured by outputting to a display unit a synthetic image which is obtained by synthesizing first symbol corresponding the control information stored in a storage unit, on map image indicating a setting location of the imaging apparatus, and second symbol corresponding to the control information stored in the storage unit which has a same identifying information as an identifying information of the first symbol on the different area from the map, and

Transmitting the control information stored by the storage unit to the imaging apparatus in response to an instruction of at least one of the first symbol and the second symbol on the map by an instruction device.

On the one hand, Paff discloses that a target icon 40 representing a specific, static (fixed) view defined by one pan, tilt, zoom and focus position of a programmable dome 31 is displayed on a map, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. In Paff, the corresponding video from the camera can be displayed on a display unit 3 by clicking the target icon 40.

However, the target icon 40 of Paff does not have identifying information such as a number. Moreover, Paff does not show any icon having the same function as that of the target icon 40 in an area other than the map.

Accordingly, Paff does not at all disclose or suggest the features of the present invention concerning that the second symbol corresponding the control information stored in the storage unit which has the same identifying information as the identifying information of the first symbol

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is displayed on the different area from the map.

As a result, it is apparent that the present invention as recited in amended claims 1, 17 and 18 is quite different from Paff, whereby it is believed that all the claims pending should be allowed.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims as currently pending are patentable and in condition for allowance.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.